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SUBJECT: IRANIAN BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN PROCURING VACUUM FURNACE FROM SOUTH AFRICA (S)

REF: A. STATE 109819

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Classified By: Classified by Deputy Political Counselor Madeline Seiden stricker for reasons 1.4 b and d.

(C) Deputy Political Counselor delivered reftel demarche in an October 31 meeting with Department of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director for Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation Michiel Combrink. Noting that the item in question is not MTCR-controlled, Combrink did, however, agree to convey our request to South African export control authorities for review. We have not yet received a response.

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